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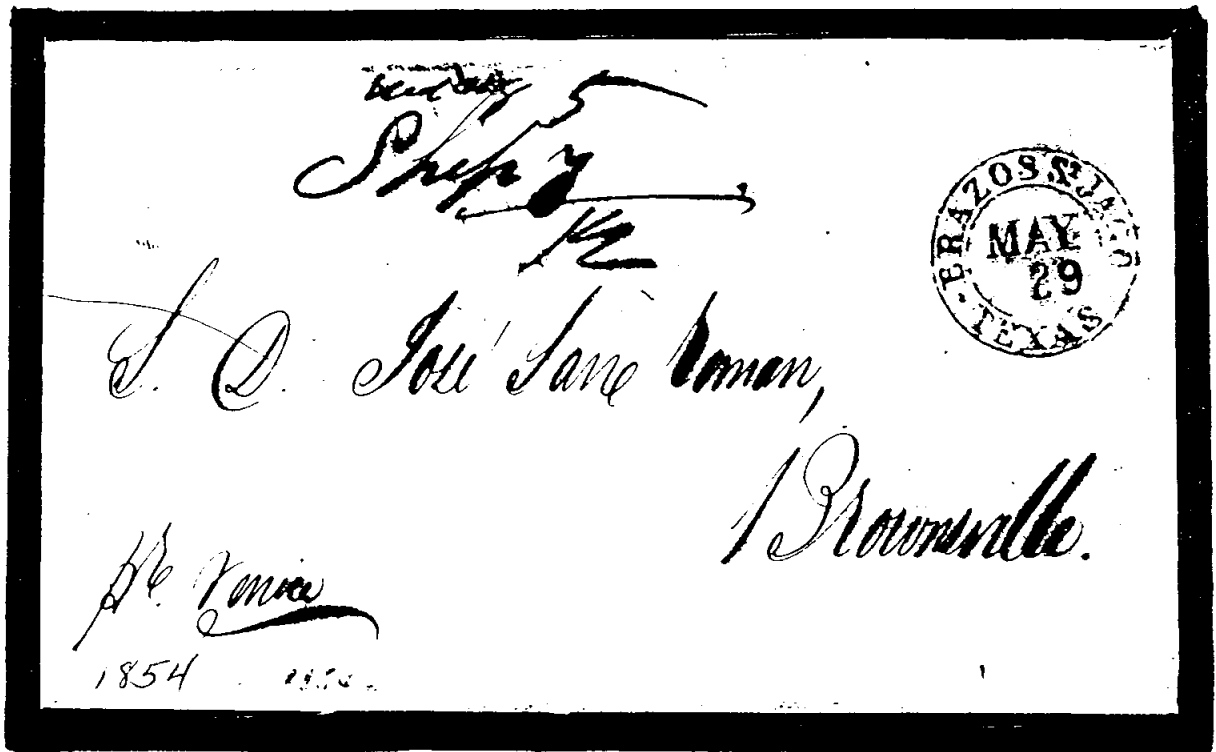


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Illustrated on the front page of this issue is a steamship cover, dateline New Orleans, May 20, 1854, addressed to Brownsville, Texas. It was carried on the steamship Venice to Brazos St. Jago where the postmaster applied the blue, double circle c.d.s., dated May 29. Analysis of the rate may or may not be correct according to postal regulations. It appears the cover was charged 5¢ for the passage from New Orleans to the port of entry (Brazos St. Jago). Then a 2¢ ship fee, plus a 5¢ overland charge from Brazos St. Jago to Brownsville, making a total of 12¢ due at Brownsville.

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PRESIDENT'S PAGE



The T.P.H.S. meeting scheduled at AUSPEX '95 on March 4th was a successful one. Although yours truly was not able to attend because of last minute family health problems, nineteen members and guests were in attendance. John Germann, Vice-President, chaired the meeting. Martin Margulis, who will become Journal Editor next January, was introduced to the group.

Significant discussion took place on a number of items which have come up during the past year. As a result, the Society will proceed to implement the following: 1) Dealers ads will be accepted for the Journal. I've asked our treasurer, Karl Gebert, to come up with some figures for ad costs so we can let all interested Dealers know what the cost will be. I'm sure we won't be overwhelmed with dealers wanting to advertise but we have had two dealers inquire during the past year. 2) We will have a new special page in the Journal where members can request information or provide information ie. on a specific town or research on a special cancel or marking. This forum could also be used for questions and answers on any facet of Texas Postal History. There will be no charge for using this page. 3) Membership lists will continue to be sent only to T.P.H.S. members. Lists will not be sent to National Philatelic Organizations or any other philatelic group. They will continue to be included in the Journal for member use only.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Dallas at TEXPEX '95. Date - Saturday June 10 - Time 1:30-3:00P.M. Format, as in the past state shows. A short business meeting - a show and tell presentation - and a swap and sell session. Check out this date and plan to attend.

A literature news note. A new book, "The Catalog of Union Civil War Patriotic Covers" by Wm. R. Weiss Jr. is due out this spring. This 850 page illustrated book will probably be the last word on this popular collecting area for some time to come. It will replace the 60 year old Walcott book as the standard reference book for Union Patriotic covers. Cost \$115. Distributor is Phil Bansner, P.O. Box 2529, West Lawn, PA 19609.

Thats it for this issue.

Good Collectin,

Ed Christman

COLUMBIA MACHINE CANCELS SOUGHT

By R. M. Arndt

Continued from the last issue

Concluding the story of Columbia Postal Supply Company's machine cancels used in Texas is the hand powered machine with the known use beginning in Laredo in 1913 and last known use in Bells in early 1952. A small number are known with the 4 line rectilinear postmarks with either seven horizontal bars or seven wavy lines. The majority of the Columbia hand powered machine cancels used in Texas had circular dial postmarks, Types E, F, G and HS, as shown in the following chart. (The A and B dial postmark types were used with the earlier discussed electric powered machines.)

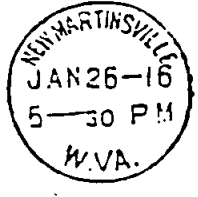
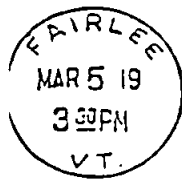
COLUMBIA POSTAL SUPPLY CO. DIAL TYPE CHART

ELECTRIC MACHINE



1900 - 1913 - TYPE A - DIA. 21 - 24 mm. - TYPE BR - 1901 - 1908

HAND POWERED



1914 - TYPE E - 1935 - TYPE F - 1914 - 1923 - TYPE G - 1917 - 1944



- TYPE HS - 1917 - 1930

GATESVILLE COVER E1W

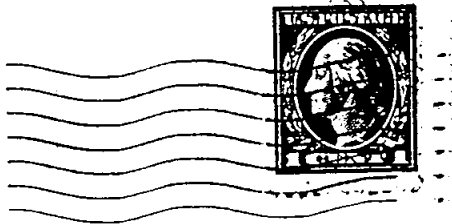
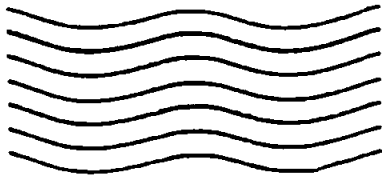


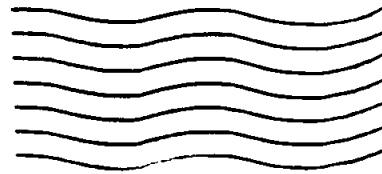
Fig. 8

Type E Dial has the town in the top arc and the state in the bottom arc. The two line dater is contained within the circle formed by the type of the town and state, and the month, day and year are on one line (Fig. 8).

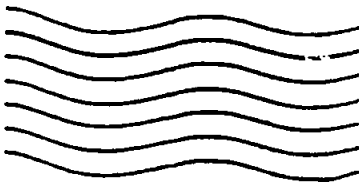
COLUMBIA POSTAL SUPPLY CO.
Hand Powered
WAVY LINE CANCELLER TYPE CHART



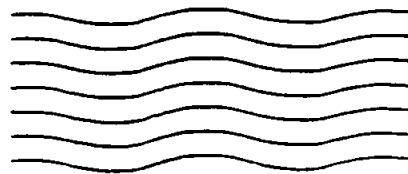
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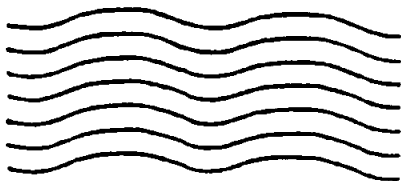
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(Thin lines)
48 - 55 mm.



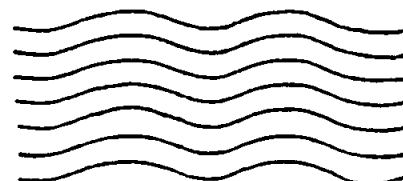
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(Short)
42 - 45 mm.



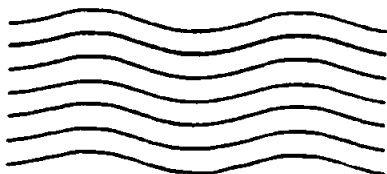
TYPE 1WTF
52 - 54 mm. (Flat)



TYPE 2W
(Main type)
50 - 52 mm.

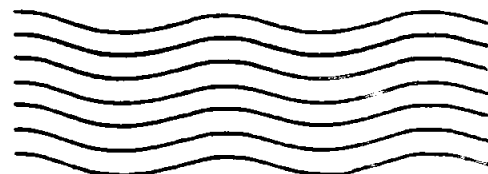


TYPE 2WT
(Thin lines)
50 - 52 mm.



TYPE 2WD(7)
(Die cutting error)

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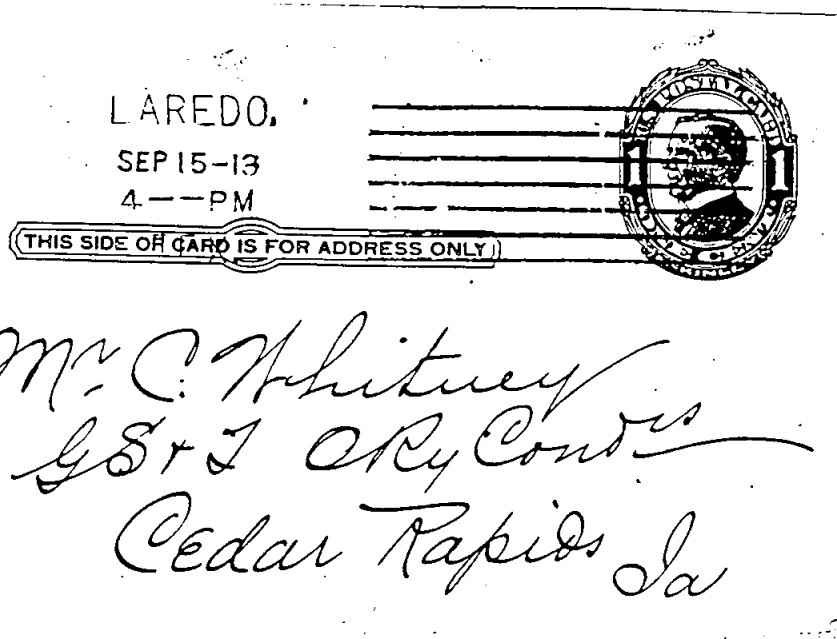


TYPE 2WL
(Long waves)
58 - 63 mm.

* Die cutting error - impossible to reverse the die !

The Type 1W cancel as seen above is one wave crest in the center of the cancel as compared to the Type 2W which has two wave crests in the cancel.

Fig. 9



The postal card in Figure 9 is the current earliest known use in Texas of a Columbia hand powered machine cancel. The UX22 card, apparently addressed to "Gulf, Southern and Texas Branch, Order of Railway Conductors'" main office in Cedar Rapids, Iowa and is Division 399's report of their meeting, August 18, 1913. It is cancelled with a Type "K" rectilinear postmark and a Type "7" seven bar canceller, approximately 21.5 mm high and 56 mm long, shown earlier (K-7), pp. 3&4.

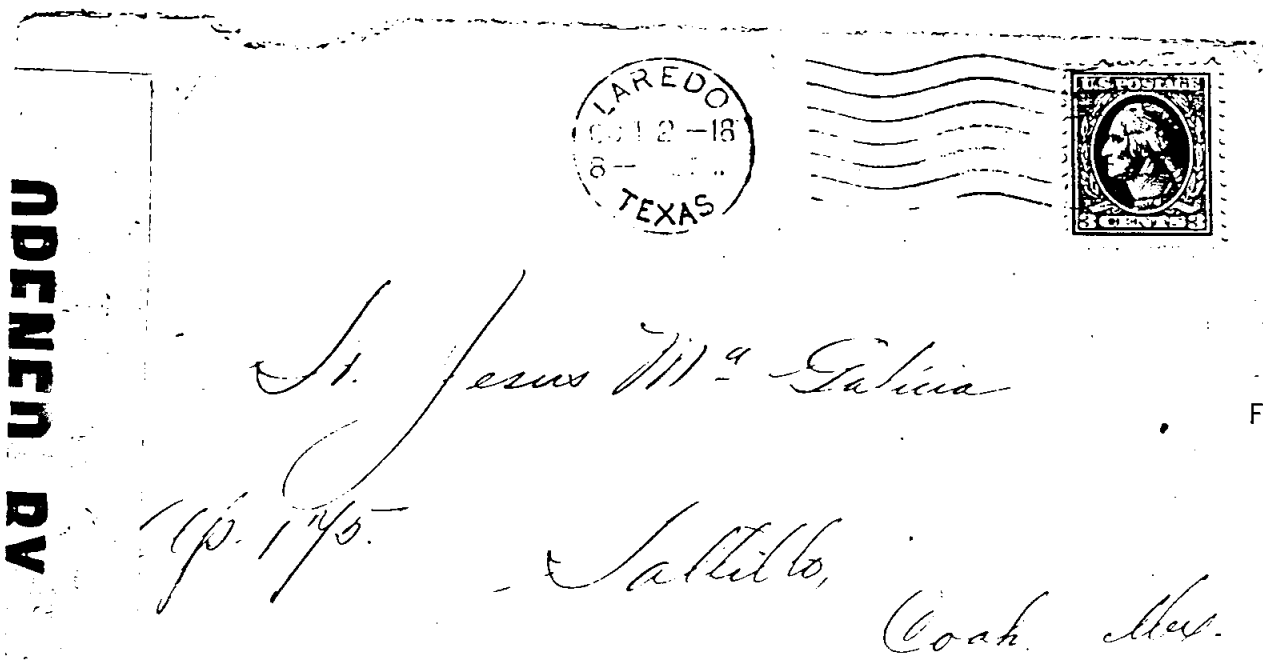


Fig. 10

The censored cover to Mexico has a Type "F" Dial postmark, with a two line dater, and the month, day and year on a single line with the two lines extending beyond the lettering of the town and state, Fig. 10. It has a one wave canceller tying the 3¢ Washington-Franklin of the war emergency rate period to the envelope. This is a late use of this cancel. The censor label (56 x 79 mm) reads "OPENED BY/CENSOR./NO." and is tied by a double oval 3 star "passed by censor" with a boxed number 2140 in magenta as a backstamp, similar to Figure 11.

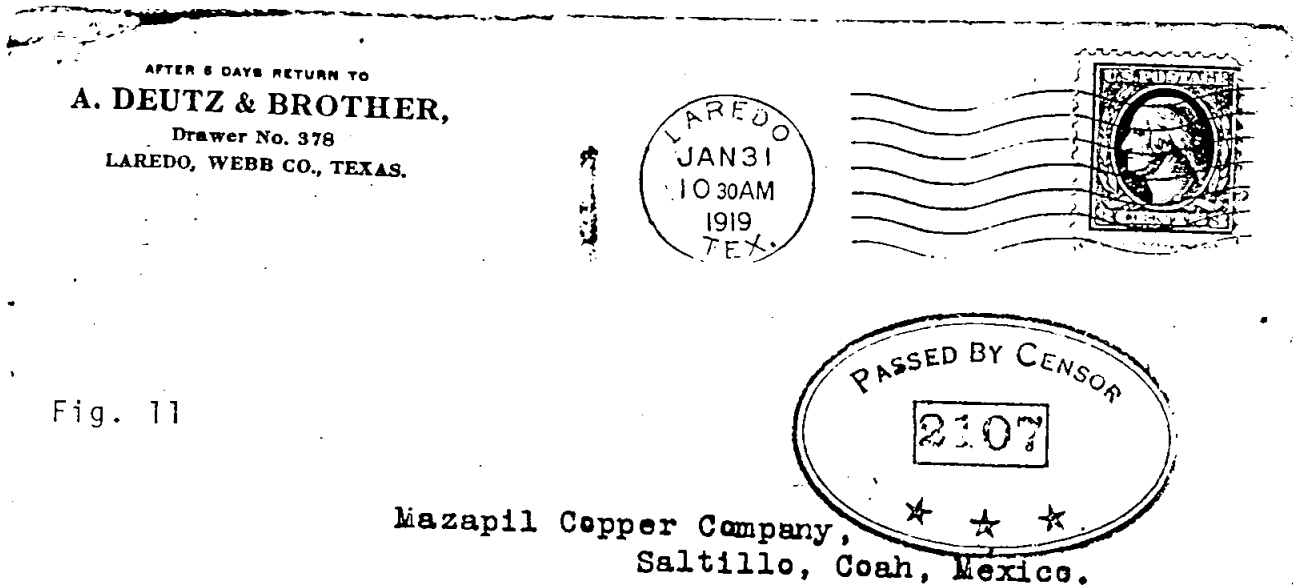


Fig. 11

The front shown in Figure 11 is a Columbia hand powered machine cancelled with a Type "G" Dial postmark used beginning in late 1917 in the hand powered "Junior" machine. It is similar to electric Type "A" Dial with 3 dater lines. The town is in the top arc and the state is in the bottom. This example is paired with a "one wave thin" canceller, again tying a 3¢ Washington-Franklin, still of the emergency rate period. (Laredo G-1WT) The double oval (O.D. 32 mm high x 50 mm long in magenta) 3 star "Passed by Censor" with the boxed "2107" is no doubt from the San Antonio censor station branch in Laredo which appears to have passed outgoing mail to Mexico until mid-1919.

Fig. 12



The last Dial to be discussed is the Type HS as shown in Fig. 12 of the cut of the Austin Type HS-1W (University Station). This Dial is similar to Type B, but used later on the Columbia hand powered "Junior" machine. There are three lines in the dater. The town and state are on the top of the arc in the Dial and the station is in the bottom arc of the Dial.

<u>City - State</u>	<u>Station</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Die</u>	<u>Known Usage</u>
ALICE, TEX.		G-2W	-	01/03/24 -
ALPINE, TEX.		G-2W	-	10/13/20 - 03/17/22
ALVIN, TEX.		G-1W	-	08/20/23 -
AUSTIN, TEX.	UNIVERSITY	HS-1WT	-	10/30/18 - 04/29/30
, TEX.	UNIVERSITY	HS-1W	-	04/25/30 -
BARTLETT, TEXAS		K-7	-	03/12/17 - 02/01/21
BELLS, TEXAS		G-1W	-	02/15/45 - 02/09/52
BIG LAKE, TEX.		G-1W	-	12/03/31 -
BLOOMINGTON, TEX.		G-1W	-	06/09/41 -
BOGATA, TEXAS		G-2WT	-	02/24/28 - 07/29/30
BRIDGEPORT, TEX.		G-1W	-	10/22/30 - 03/15/33
BURKBURNETT, TEX.	THRIFT BRCH	HS-1W	-	02/16/20 -
CAMERON, TEX.		G-1WT	-	12/15/19 - 07/11/22
CANADIAN, TEX.		G-2W	-	12/08/-- -
, TEX.		G-1W	-	02/09/26 - 12/14/27
CANYON, TEXAS		E-1WTF	-	03/14/18 -
CLIFTON, TEX.		G-2W	-	05/10/18 - 12/21/19
, TEX.		G-1W	-	12/12/21 - 10/31/24
CLINT, TEX.		G-1W	-	01/05/32 -
CROSBYTON, TEX.		G-2W	-	08/31/23 -
DALLAS, TEX.	STA. A	HS-1WT	-	01/27/19 - 09/03/21
DETROIT, TEX.		G-1W	-	04/23/48 -
DEVINE, TEX.		G-2WT	-	01/31/27 -
EDEN, TEX.		G-2W	-	02/11/27 -
ENNIS, TEXAS		F-1W	-	06/06/17 - 06/26/17
FABENS, TEX.		G-1W	-	05/11/31 -
GARLAND, TEX.		G-2W	-	05/18/19 - 06/24/21
GARWOOD, TEX.		G-2WT	-	01/30/30 -
GATESVILLE, TEXAS		E-1W	-	01/09/18 - 11/21/18
, TEX.		G-1W	-	04/22/23 -
GEORGETOWN, TEXAS		G-1W	1	12/21/23 - 02/02/26
GEORGE WEST, TEX.		G-1W	-	07/25/30 - 03/27/34
GLADEWATER, TEX.		G-2WT	-	03/18/21 - 03/06/28
, TEX.		G-1W	-	03/23/31 -
GONZALES, TEX.		G-2WT	-	03/24/19 - 04/25/19
GRAHAM, TEX.		G-2W	-	10/01/20 -

<u>CITY - STATE</u>	<u>STATION</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>DIE</u>	<u>KNOWN USAGE</u>
<u>TEXAS cont'd</u>				
GRANGER, TEXAS		K-1W	-	09/01/24 -
HAMILTON, TEX.		G-2WT	-	09/24/19 -
HARROLD, TEX.		G-1W	-	12/05/33 -
HEARNE, TEX.		G-2WT	-	04/19/21 -
HENDERSON, TEX.		G-2WT	-	08/09/18 - 06/04/19
HICO, TEX.		G-1W	-	04/17/24 - 02/13/28
HIGGINS, TEXAS		G-1W	-	03/16/38 - 06/25/47
HITCHCOCK, TEX.		E-1W	-	03/07/21 -
HONDO, TEX.		G-2WT	-	01/20/21 -
HUNT, TEXAS		G-1W	-	12/02/38 - 10/10/44
IRAAN, TEX.		G-1W	-	11/26/32 - 09/10/42
JACKSBORO, TEX.		G-1W	-	02/16/28 -
JEFFERSON, TEXAS		G-1W	-	01/25/27 - 03/12/28
JOURDANTON, TEX.		G-2W	-	03/24/27 -
JUNCTION, TEX.		G-2WT	-	08/12/22 - 08/19/29
KENEDY, TEX.		G-2WT	-	08/06/23 -
KERRVILLE, TEX.		G-1W	-	08/22/21 - 12/24/25
KOSSE, TEX.		G-1WT	-	03/10/22 -
, TEX.		G-1W	-	02/25/28 - 12/31/30
LADONIA, TEX.		G-1W	-	03/10/22 -
LAREDO, TEX.		K-7	-	09/15/13 -
, TEX.		K-2WL(a)	1	01/09/14 -
, TEX.		K-1W	1	06/09/14 - 03/17/15
, TEX.		F-1W	1	06/13/15 - 06/21/15
LAREDO, TEX.		K-1W	2	12/22/15 -
, TEX.		F-1W	1	02/01/16 -
, TEX.		K-1WS	2	07/03/16 -
LAREDO, TEXAS		F-1W	2	07/16/16 - 07/21/16
LAREDO, TEX.		K-1WS	2	09/02/16 - 09/29/16
, TEX.		K-1WS	1	10/03/16 - 02/25/17
LAREDO, TEXAS		F-1W	1	04/25/17 - 10/02/18
LAREDO, TEX.		G-1WT	-	01/31/19 - 01/23/20
LAVERNIA, TEX.		G-2W	-	11/10/19 -
LEONARD, TEXAS		G-1W	-	03/08/27 -
LIBERTY, TEX.		G-1W	-	01/10/26 -
LOCKHART, TEXAS		G-1WT	-	07/15/20 - 05/11/25
LOTT, TEXAS		G-1W	-	09/10/23 - 11/15/32
MCGREGOR, TEX.		G-2W	-	05/09/19 - 05/28/20
MADISONVILLE, TEX.		G-2WT	-	03/04/28 - 01/20/34
MALAKOFF, TEXAS		G-1W	-	02/24/28 -
MARION, TEX.		G-1W	-	04/10/34 - 03/08/37
MATADOR, TEX.		G-1W	-	04/05/32 - 09/18/34
, TEX.		G-2W	-	11/22/34 -
MATHIS, TEX.		G-1W	-	03/27/34 -
MEMPHIS, TEX.		F-1WS	-	04/19/16 -
MENARD, TEXAS		G-1W	-	10/25/29 -
MERIDIAN, TEX.		G-2W	-	12/24/19 - 10/29/28
MERKEL, TEX.		G-1W	-	09/18/25 -
MIDLAND, TEX.		G-2W	-	07/18/23 - 03/12/24
, TEX.		G-1W	-	11/23/25 -
MIDLOTHIAN, TEX.		G-1W	-	02/13/28 - 02/25/28
MINEOLA, TEX.		E-1W	-	12/11/23 - 06/22/25
NAVASOTA, TEX.		G-1WT	-	03/16/20 - 01/23/23

<u>CITY - STATE</u>	<u>STATION</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>DIE</u>	<u>KNOWN USAGE</u>
<u>TEXAS cont'd</u>				
NEW BRAUNFELS, TEX.		G-1W	-	12/27/19 - 02/12/25
NOCONA, TEXAS		G-1WT	-	02/14/27 - 04/08/28
ODEM, TEX.		G-1W	-	04/13/31 -
ODESSA, TEXAS		G-1W	-	01/01/28 -
OLNEY, TEX.		G-2W	-	04/29/-- -
OMAHA, TEX.		G-1W	-	09/12/32 -
PERRYTON, TEX.		G-1W	-	10/13/28 -
PHARR, TEXAS		E-1WT	-	11/09/18 -
, TEXAS		G-1W	-	05/02/32 - 05/17/38
PLEASANTON, TEXAS		G-2WD(7)	-	03/27/34 -
, TEXAS		G-1W	-	08/25/-- -
PORT LAVACA, TEX.		G-1W	-	09/02/27 -
POST, TEXAS		G-1W	-	02/01/27 - 02/24/28
RALLS, TEX.		G-1W	-	04/14/33 -
RANDOLPH FIELD, TEX.		G-1W	-	08/28/31 - 06/14/37
RIESEL, TEX.		G-2WT	-	04/09/27 -
ROARING SPRINGS, TEX.		G-1W	-	01/05/32 - 02/05/40
ROCKPORT, TEXAS		G-1W	1	03/13/22 - 01/05/32
, TEX.		G-1W	2	01/02/40 -
ROYSE CITY, TEX.		E-1W	-	08/29/23 - 12/31/23
, TEX.		G-2W	-	11/07/32 -
SABINAL, TEXAS		G-2W	-	05/03/23 - 01/02/31
SAN BENITO, TEXAS		E-1WT	-	12/06/17 - 09/02/20
SAN JUAN, TEX.		G-1W	-	03/06/33 -
SANTA ANNA, TEX.		G-1WT	-	11/06/25 -
SCHULENBURG, TEX.		G-1W	-	02/27/33 -
SEAGRAVES, TEXAS		G-1W	-	09/11/30 - 11/23/32
SEYMOUR, TEX.		G-2WT	-	10/20/20 - 10/28/20
SINTON, TEX.		G-2W	-	08/10/20 -
SLATON, TEX.		G-2WT	-	08/01/23 -
SONORA, TEXAS		G-1WT	-	06/03/25 - 09/24/35
SPUR, TEX.		G-2W	-	09/12/23 - 11/03/23
, TEX.		G-1W	-	02/13/26 - 05/12/27
SUNSET, TEX.		G-2W	-	06/17/36 -
TAYLOR, TEX.		K-7	1	12/05/13 -
, TEX.		K-2WL	1	01/22/14 -
, TEX.		K-7	1	12/30/14 -
TAYLOR, TEX.		K-1WS	2	05/29/15 - 06/10/15
, TEX.		K-1WS	1	06/30/15 - 12/25/17
, TEX.		G-1WT	-	02/08/21 - 01/01/25
TEAGUE, TEX.		G-2W	-	03/04/21 -
TEXON, TEX.		G-1W	-	01/16/33 -
THURBER, TEX.		G-1W	-	10/01/30 - 04/10/31
TROUP, TEX.		G-1W	-	04/08/31 -
TULIA, TEX.		G-2W	-	11/09/21 - 09/13/23
, TEX.		G-1W	-	10/15/26 - 03/12/28
.CTORIA, TEX.		K-7	-	11/20/13 - 02/23/14
, TEX.		K-2WL	1	01/05/15 - 02/04/15
, TEX.		K-1WS	1	12/30/15 - 08/05/16
, TEX.		K-1WS	2	09/18/16 - 03/30/18
WALNUT SPRINGS, TEX.		G-2W	-	01/21/20 -
, TEX.		G-1W	-	08/19/27 - 12/01/32

<u>CITY - STATE</u>	<u>STATION</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>DIE</u>	<u>KNOWN USAGE</u>
<u>TEXAS cont'd</u>				
WEST, TEX.		G-1W	-	12/01/23 - 04/03/25
WHITEWRIGHT, TEX.		G-2WT	-	05/19/-- -
WINNESBORO, TEX.		E-1W	-	08/22/19 -
WORTHAM, TEX.		G-1W	-	04/11/29 -
YORKTOWN, TEXAS		G-2WT	-	07/10/19 -
ZEPHYR, TEX.		G-1W	-	08/09/30 - 05/26/31

The foregoing listing of Texas towns are the known uses of the Columbia hand powered machine cancels in Texas.

There are two areas to check in identifying Columbia hand powered machine Type "G" cancels. First, check the distance between the dial and the canceller. This distance is not known to exceed 7 mm. Second, they do not have a comma after the town name (except in station cancels).

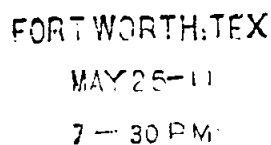
The last item to be covered is the Columbia electric machine service type markings. The reason for this discussion at this point is that I am trying to do a census of the Fort Worth receiving marks, both hand and machine cancels, beginning in 1906 and ending in late 1913. This is an attempt to bracket the period of use of the so-called "carrier numeral" back stamps, Figs. 13-14. The examples are Ft. Worth Type A-N(7) and Type J-N(5). This type of cancel is only known to have been used in Ft. Worth at this time. Would appreciate zeroes of any examples of receiving marks 1906-1913.

Fig. 13



Type A-N(7)

Fig. 14

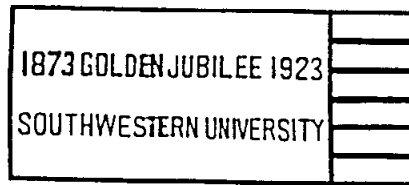


Type J-N(5)

One area that has only two known examples in Texas is that of Slogan Cancels shown in Figures 15 and 16.

G-S15 GEORGETOWN, TEXAS

Fig. 15

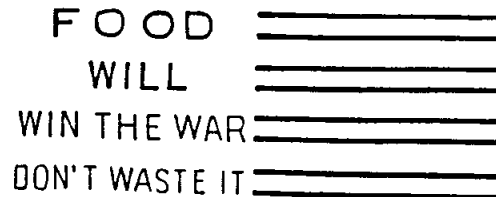


01/17/23 - 05/04/23

(Luff 1600)

K-S9 AUSTIN, TEXAS

Fig. 16



03/12/18 - 05/01/18

(Luff 2000)

The technical material in charts and dialogue has been taken from materials of the Machine Cancel Society and from information from Robert Payne. It has been shaped to fit the known Columbia Postal Supply Company's machine uses in Texas.

The first volume, Columbia Story, Early History, Patents and Trial Cancels by Reg Morris, Robert Payne and Tim Holmes has been published. Four more volumes are expected in the next year or so, and will cover the history of related companies and world-wide listings including the U.S., United Kingdom and general foreign. There has also been more detailed information published in the "Machine Cancel Forum" on Columbia machines and many others, from Leavitt cancels to current machines and sprays.

The Society has both a sales circuit and auctions. For more information contact Arthur T. Hadley, 3407 N925E, Hope, IN 47246-9717, the Secretary of APS, Unit 24. He also sells machine literature for the Society.

While the purpose of this article was to disseminate information on Columbia machine cancels used in Texas, it is also hoped to receive input from readers to expand the listings by both towns and dates. Should you have a machine cancel you BELIEVE may be a Columbian, please send photocopies. Let's make Texas the state with the most complete Columbia machine cancel listings! Please send any information, photocopies or questions, to R.M. Arndt, P.O. Box 60292, Midland, TX 79711-0292.

This paper is covering only the Columbia machine cancels and is knowingly omitting Columbia-Ielfield and Ielfield's all later cancels.

Since it has been quite a while since anything dealing with TEXAS POST OFFICES BY COUNTY has appeared in the TPHS Journal, I was asked to issue a notice/update about the status of the work.

TEXAS POST OFFICES BY COUNTY by John J. Germann and Myron R. Janzen is a serialized research and publication project which lists all of the post offices which have ever operated in a given county, their opening and closing dates, where the mail was redirected if they were discontinued, their founding postmasters, their name origins (if available), and other relevant data of interest. Accompanying this tabular data are two maps of the county, one showing the location of the offices and the other the order in which they were established.

The information has been gleaned from material in the National Archives (civilian and military departments), the Library of Congress (book and map divisions), the Texas State Archives, the Barker Center in Austin, genealogical sources, county histories, tax and deed and census records, the minds and works of fellow postal historians, and the like. The project first began to appear in print in 1986, and over half of the state has now been completed. Twenty counties are mailed to subscribers each year, deliberately ranging far and wide across the state, in two loose-leaf installments. On the following pages is a reprint of one county in the most recent packet of ten - Bosque County. Of interest to many readers might be the cluster of Norwegian communities unique to Texas served by post offices in the southwest portion of the county.

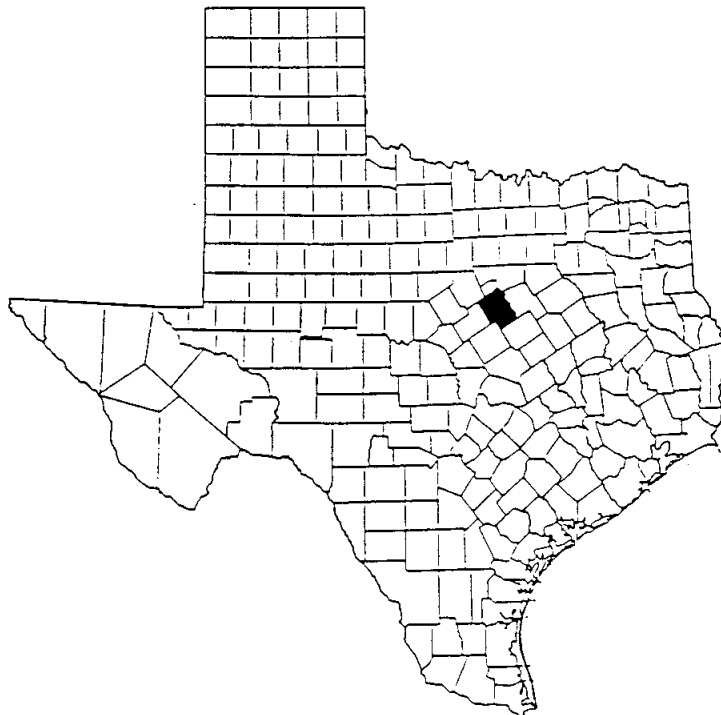
Myron and I hope that you enjoy this sample of our work. And we eagerly welcome your help, your comments, or your inquiries.

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BOSQUE COUNTY POST OFFICES

Few Texas counties have the mosaic of settlement that has characterized the development of Bosque County. The first settlers, who arrived in in this central Texas locale in 1850, faced problems with Indians. One group of thirty English families, sponsored by the English Universal Immigration Company, faced additional problems of loneliness in the Bosque wilderness; their settlement of Kent near the Brazos River on the eastern edge of the county was abandoned in but two years' time. At the same time Norwegian settlers, led by the pioneer Norse colonizer Cleng Peerson, settled in the southwestern reaches, where the flat-topped hills reminded them of their homeland. They thrived and stayed. Such arrivals prompted the removal of land from the Milam District and McLennan County for the creation of the county in 1854, named for the Bosque (Spanish for "woods") River system which dominates the center of the county. Organization occurred in the same year, and Meridian became the one and only seat and the first post office. In the 1870s German immigrants began to domesticate the eastern regions. Also in the 1870s cattle tracks of the Chisholm Trail crossed the Brazos River and stimulated the rapid rise of the town of Kimball, the county's most prosperous community in its early days. Another kind of tracks, laid by railroad companies, entered the county in 1880 and 1881; these tracks by-passed Kimball, however, and the town withered.

Bosque County's 1003 square miles harbored 2005 residents according to its first census in 1860; the 1910 census enumerated the highest population - 19,013; in 1990 the citizenry numbered 15,125, which represented the third straight decade of growth. Many of those who called Bosque County home in the late twentieth century made their living raising cattle, oats, and turkeys. There neither is nor has been any oil and gas revenue. Seven post offices in addition to Meridian survived into the 1990s; twenty-six did not.

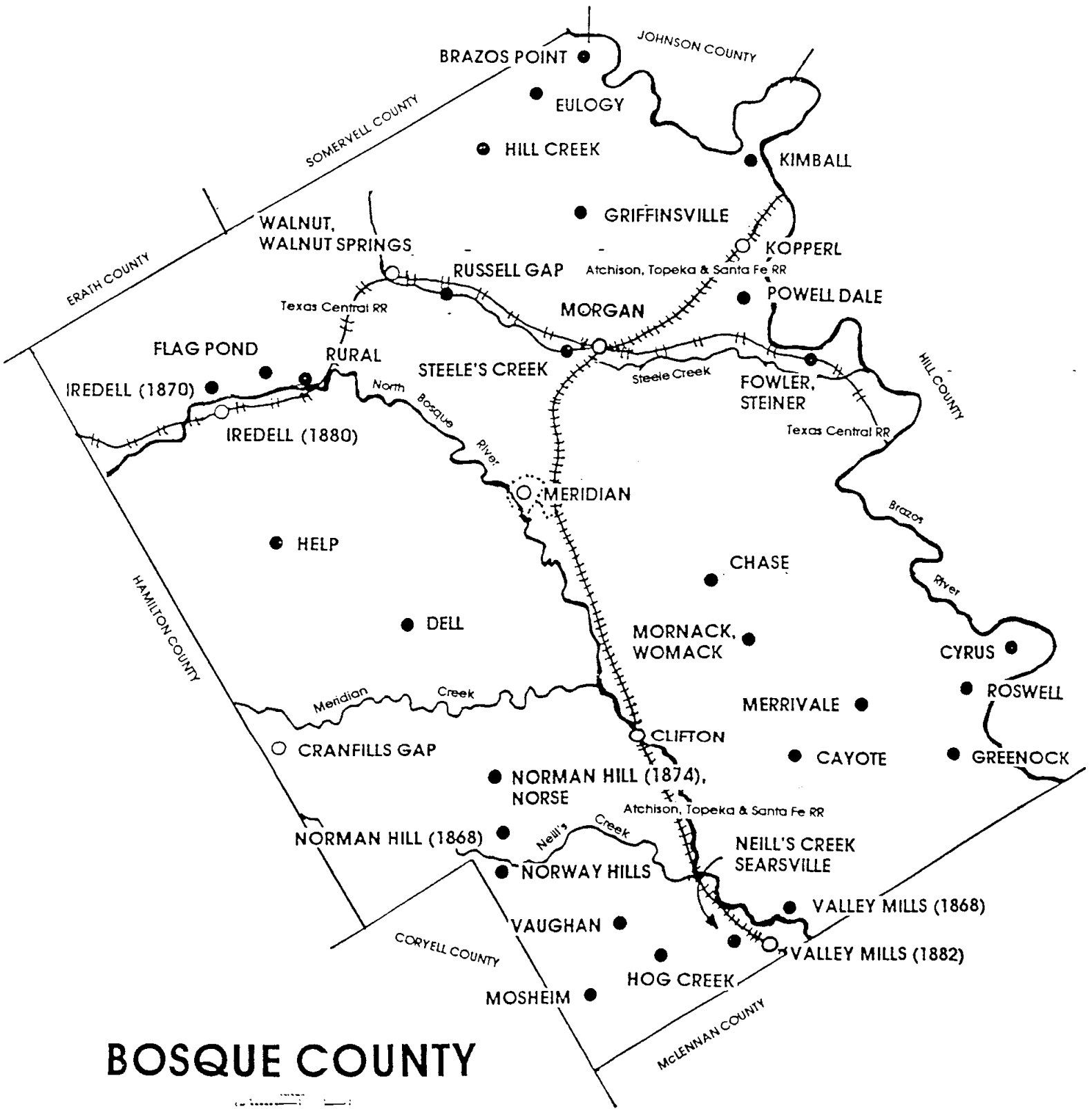


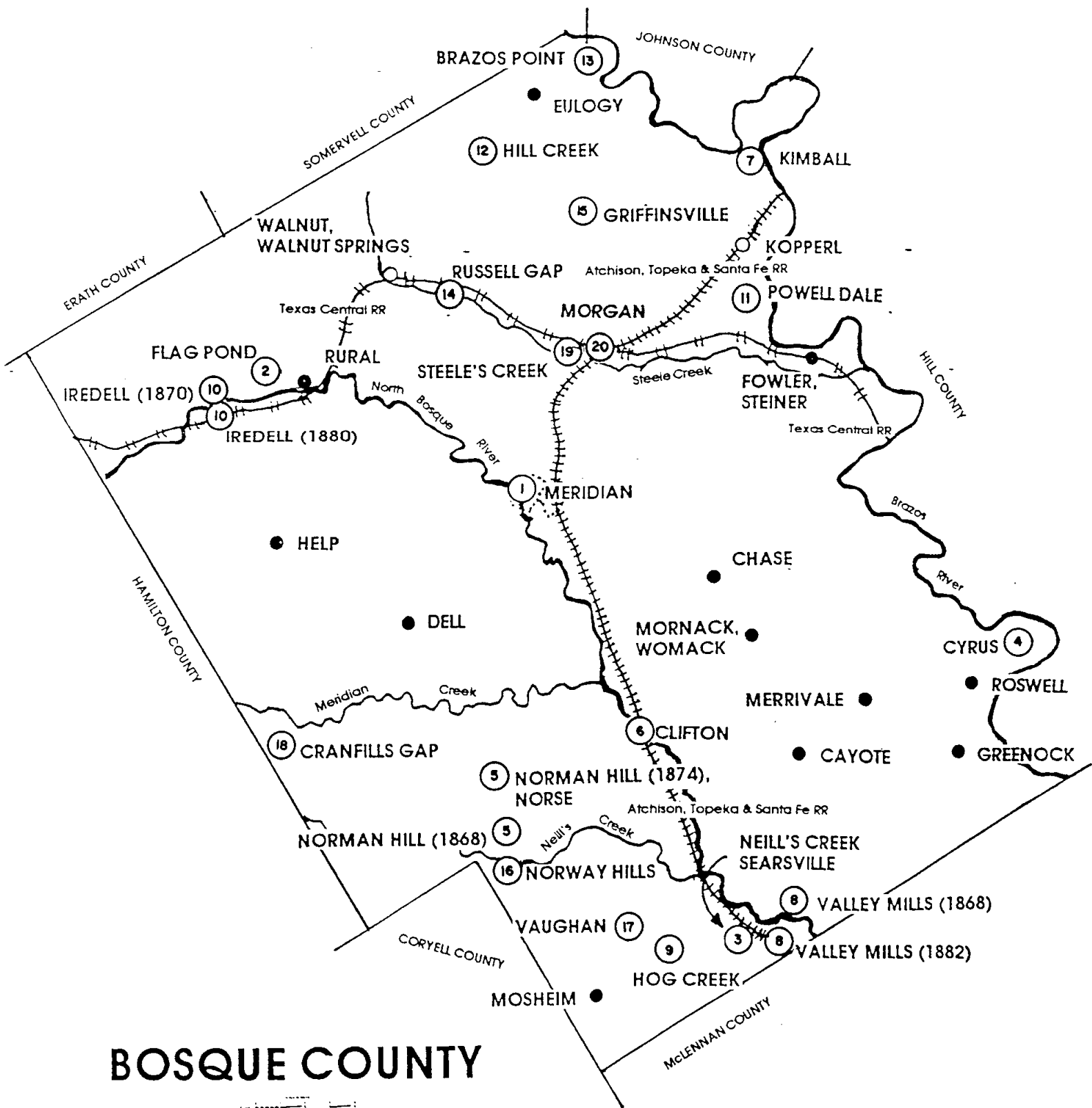
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OFFICE	ESTABLISHED	DISCONTINUED	MAIL TO
BRAZOS POINT	29 OCT 1873	21 APR 1875	KIMBALL
BRAZOS POINT	28 JAN 1876	31 JUL 1896	EULOGY
CAYOTE	29 DEC 1879	30 SEP 1909	VALLEY MILLS
CHASE	27 APR 1893	30 JUN 1906	CLIFTON
CLIFTON	22 JUL 1859	OP	
CRANFILL'S GAP	21 MAY 1879	OP	
CYRUS	1 JUL 1858	(23 JAN 1867)	
CYRUS	12 JUN 1871	31 JAN 1873	PRAIRIE VALLEY
CYRUS	28 DEC 1889	31 MAY 1898	GREENOCK
DELL	14 APR 1898	31 MAR 1899	MERIDIAN
DELL	[21 MAR 1901]	NEVER IN OP.	
DELL	10 APR 1902	15 DEC 1904	MERIDIAN
EULOGY	13 NOV 1885	29 FEB 1912	KOPPERL
FLAG POND	2 OCT 1857	(5 NOV 1866)	
FLAG POND	28 MAY 1867	20 SEP 1869	MERIDIAN
FLAG POND	14 OCT 1870	26 FEB 1877	IREDELL
FOWLER	29 NOV 1880	6 FEB 1917	CHGD TO STEINER
GREENOCK	17 JAN 1882	15 JUN 1916	ROSWELL
GRIFFINSVILLE	31 MAY 1877	8 AUG 1878	MERIDIAN
HELP	29 JUN 1894	15 JAN 1908	IREDELL
HILL CREEK	28 AUG 1873	9 SEP 1878	RUSSELL GAP
HILL CREEK	7 APR 1879	17 DEC 1884	GLEN ROSE
HILL CREEK	16 JAN 1885	31 JAN 1891	GLEN ROSE
HOG CREEK	by OCT 1867*	21 OCT 1868	WACO
IREDELL	21 DEC 1870	OP	
KIMBALL	13 DEC 1860	12 APR 1862	
KIMBALL	4 JAN 1864	(5 NOV 1866)	
KIMBALL	15 JUN 1871	31 MAY 1907	KOPPERL
KOPPERL	5 SEP 1881	OP	
MERIDIAN	12 JUN 1856	OP	
MERRIVALE	20 MAY 1889	14 OCT 1903	ROSWELL
MORGAN	22 DEC 1879	OP	
MORNACK	8 JAN 1880	24 FEB 1880	CHGD TO WOMACK
MOSHEIM	21 JUL 1887	8 DEC 1972	VALLEY MILLS
NEILL'S CREEK	19 JAN 1858	17 JUL 1859	CHGD TO SEARSVILLE
NORMAN HILL	21 JUL 1859	31 JAN 1870	MERIDIAN
NORMAN HILL	15 JUL 1874	1 DEC 1879	NORWAY HILLS
NORSE	27 DEC 1880	31 DEC 1929	CLIFTON
NORWAY HILLS	12 APR 1879	31 JUL 1890	NORSE
POWELL DALE	5 MAY 1873	29 AUG 1881	KIMBALL
ROSWELL	28 JUN 1902	15 JUN 1930	CLIFTON
RURAL	20 JUN 1892	15 FEB 1895	IREDELL
RUSSELL GAP	21 AUG 1876	15 MAY 1883	MERIDIAN
SEARSVILLE*	18 JUL 1859	@1860	MVD TO McLENNAN CO
STEELE'S CREEK	26 AUG 1879	29 DEC 1879	MORGAN

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STEINER*	7 FEB 1917	31 AUG 1940	MERIDIAN
VALLEY MILLS	19 APR 1867	OP	
VAUGHAN	19 MAY 1879	15 SEP 1881	MERIDIAN
WALNUT	10 SEP 1883	15 SEP 1892	CHGD TO WALNUT SPRINGS
WALNUT SPRINGS*	16 SEP 1892	OP	
WOMACK*	25 FEB 1880	15 AUG 1906	CLIFTON
[SUN]	[1 JUN 1887]	NO PAPERS	





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BRAZOS POINT:

1ST PM: Jefferson A. Day
AKA : "Day"; POP: 1878 = "strongest settlement in the county"
NAME : For location at a crossing of the Brazos River

CAYOTE:

1ST PM: Robert Y. Goodall - one of two storeowner brothers
AKA : "Evans Cross Roads"; POP: 1990 = 75
NAME : For the local abundance of coyotes (misread by the POD)

CHASE:

1ST PM: Thomas Jefferson Rhodes - storeowner, gin operator, and
blacksmith
NAME : Probably for a prominent Bosque County family, e.g. William
R. Chase

CLIFTON:

1ST PM: Chester C. Dewey
AKA : "Clifftown"; POP: 1882 = @200, 1990 = 3360
NAME : For the limestone cliffs on nearby hills

CRANFILL'S GAP:

* : Was Neill's Creek - Hamilton County
1ST PM: Samuel B. Cranfill; POP: 1990 = 281
NAME : For George Eaton Cranfill, pioneer settler near the gap in
nearby hills (note 1st PM)

CYRUS:

1ST PM: Thomas Jefferson Ford; AKA "Smith Bend"

DELL:

1ST PM: John Henry Hart; AKA "Cave" (applied for) & "Cave Springs"
POP : 1901 = "country store, church, gin"
NAME : Probably for a glade at the site

EULOGY:

1ST PM: Charley Walker Smith - storeowner
AKA : "Delhi" (applied for) & "Smithville"; POP: 1990 = 45
NAME : Because town founders wished to "eulogize" Uncle Billy
Smith, storeowner, but a "Smithville" office already
existed

FLAG POND:

1ST PM: James Buckner Barry
NAME : For a nearby pond with cat-tails, called "flags" by locals;
or for a flag mounted on a pole near the pond for mail
carriers to see

FOWLER:

1ST PM: Albert G. McMahan; POP: 1880 = "only a RR station"
NAME : Probably for a railroad official

GREENOCK:

1ST PM: Mrs. Susan V. Green
NAME : 1st PM and/or some green oaks nearby

GRIFFINSVILLE:

1ST PM: Peter Tancred (Tankard); POP: 1877 = @40
NAME : For a local family, e.g. O. D. Griffin

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HELP:

1ST PM: Mrs. Elizabeth Amanda Smith; AKA "Spring Creek" & "Vashtie"

HILL CREEK:

1ST PM: Javan V. West; POP: 1887 = "only a country PO"

NAME : For location near that stream

HOG CREEK:

1ST PM: Miss Margaret Patton; AKA "Hog Creek Male & Female Academy"

NAME : For the nearby stream named for the wild hogs found along
its course

IREDELL:

1ST PM: William Gordon Keeler; POP: 1870 = @75, 1990 = 351

NAME : By Ward Keeler - first settler and town founder - for his
son Ire (or Ira). Note: 1st PM = the second son.

KIMBALL:

1ST PM: John A. Willingham; POP: 1871 = @100

NAME : For New York attorney and town promoter, Richard B. Kimball

NOTE : Located at a Chisholm Trail crossing of the Brazos River

KOPPERL:

1ST PM: David A. Giesler

POP : 1881 = "new town just laid out; building commenced"

NAME : For Moritz Kopperl, Galveston banker and director of the
Gulf, Colorado, & Santa Fe RR

MERIDIAN:

1ST PM: Joseph W. Smith; POP: 1990 = 1436

NAME : For location on same-named creek which lies at the 98th
meridian

MERRIVALE:

1ST PM: Robert Emmett Conine; AKA "Fairview"

NAME : By wife of 1st PM, for a small village she had read about

MORGAN:

1ST PM: Mrs. E. J. Nicholls; AKA "Steele's Creek"; POP: 1990 = 476

NAME : For Thomas Morgan, stockholder in the Gulf, Colorado, and
Santa Fe RR

NOTE : Since there was no regular mail delivery schedule,
townspeople were notified of the arrival of mail by a
blast from a bugle

MORNACK:

1ST PM: Hugh S. Anderson

NAME : From an illegible application for "Womack"

MOSHEIM:

1ST PM: Jeff David Howard - storeowner

AKA : "Howardsville" & "Live Oak"; POP: 1990 = 75

NAME : Provided by POD

NEILL'S CREEK:

1ST PM: James H. Mabray

NAME : For location along the stream whose mouth is on land
patented to Claiborne Neil(l)'s heirs

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NORMAN HILL:

1ST PM: Ole Canuteson; POP: 1874 = "trading point"
NOTE : Originally a fort for protection from Indian raids

NORSE:

1ST PM: Ole K. Logan; AKA "Norway"(applied for) & "Norse Grove";
POP : 1900 = @50, 1990 = 110
NAME : For the pioneer Norwegian settlers (e.g. 1st PM)

NORWAY HILLS:

1ST PM: Alvin Young Reeder - mill owner
AKA : "Norway Mills"; POP: 1879 = @300
NAME : For the hills surrounding the valley settled by Norwegians

POWELL DALE:

1ST PM: James A. Hudson
NAME : For the family of Green Powell, early settler

ROSWELL:

1ST PM: Chesley Smith; AKA "Smith's Bend"(applied for)

RURAL:

1ST PM: Richard Alfred Rymer - owner of cotton gin, farm, grist
mill, and general store; AKA "Footout"
NAME : Presumably for the bucolic environs

RUSSELL'S GAP:

1ST PM: Dr. William Henderson Russell
NAME : 1st PM

SEARSVILLE

1ST PM: Josiah LeGrand Sears - pioneer settler and storeowner
NAME : 1st PM

STEELE'S CREEK:

1ST PM: John W. Simms
POP : 1879 = "a farming settlement - hopes of a town, [which]
will be large if the Depot is here, as expected"
NAME : For the nearby creek, named for a pioneer

STEINER

* : Was Fowler
1ST PM: William C. Pallmeyer; POP: 1990 = 20
NAME : For Dr. J. M. Steiner, surgeon at Fort Graham and donor of
land for the county seat; or for Dr. Ralph Steiner,
pioneer citizen whose daughter married the Texas
Postmaster General

VALLEY MILLS:

1ST PM: Moses Isenhower; POP: 1881 = @200, 1990 = 1126
NAME : For an early and grand gristmill built at the site in the
North Bosque River valley

VAUGHAN:

1ST PM: John H. Gouldy; AKA "Vaughan's Store"; POP: 1879 = @200
NAME : For J. T. Vaughan, storeowner

WALNUT:

1ST PM: Joseph Peter Grace
NAME : (See Walnut Springs)

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WALNUT SPRINGS:

* : Was Walnut
1ST PM: Amos Chambers; POP: 1990 = 745
NAME : For the natural springs amid walnut trees

WOMACK:

* : Was Mornack
1ST PM: Hugh S. Anderson - storeowner; POP: 1990 = 25
NAME : For a local family (2nd PM = Thomas J. Womack)

[SUN]

1ST PM: William O. Harris